

Claim Amendments:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-15 (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) A network services method comprising:
receiving a request for connection to a video content source operable to output an information stream;
determining an address for the video content source;
initiating formation of at least a portion of a point-to-point protocol communication link with the video content source;
tracking a metric associated with communication of the information stream; and
generating a billing record at least partially based upon the metric.
17. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising:
notifying a user sending the request of a cost associated with accessing the video content source; and
accepting a payment input from the user indicating a method of paying the cost prior to initiating formation of the at least a portion of the point-to-point communication link.
18. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising:
receiving a spoken directive from a calling party; and
converting the spoken directive into the request for connection.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising:
maintaining a list of available content sources, the list including the video content source and a unique address for the video content source;
notifying a user sending the request of a cost associated with accessing the video content source; and
communicatively coupling the user and the video content source with at least one point-to-point protocol over Ethernet link and at least one point to point over asynchronous transfer mode link.
20. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the metric is connection duration, further comprising:
tracking information throughput;
tracking quality of service; and
tracking peak bandwidth.
21. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein the output stream comprises a variable bit rate stream, further comprising converting the variable bit rate stream into a constant bit rate stream.
22. (Original) The method of claim 16, further comprising sending an output request to the video content source operable to cause the video content source to toggle from a no output state to an output state.
23. (Original) The method of claim 16, wherein at least a portion of the request comprises a format selected from the group consisting of a dual tone multi-frequency signal, a TCP/IP packet, and a voice signal.

24. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable medium having computer-readable data tangibly embodying a program of instructions to manipulate a processor to receive a request for connection to a video content source operable to output an information stream, to determine an address for the video content source, to initiate formation of at least a portion of a point to point communication link with the video content source, to issue a notification of a cost associated with accessing the video content source, to accept a prepayment input indicating a method of paying the cost, to track a metric associated with communication of the information stream, and to generate a billing record at least partially based upon the metric.